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MR. WILLIAMS REPLIES TO RYAN

Complete Answer to Latter's Telegram.

A BREACH OF FAITH.

Made Public Use of Information Given Him in Confidence.

HIS CHARGES ARE UNTRUE.

The Issue of 4 Per Cent. Bonds to be

Used in Retirement of 5 and 6 Per

Cent Bonds, and Stock of Florida Central & Peninsula R. R. Allowance to Richmond Bankers less than Usual, BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 3.-Mr. Thomas prominently identified with the interests which are opposing the proposed consoli ties, recently gave out a statement, by

In reply to this statement, which was in the form of a telegram from Mr. Ryan, Mr. Williams has to-night given to the Associated Press the following letter, which, as stated by him, he has sent to Mr. Ryan in reply:

of its president, Mr. John Skelton Wil-

liams, and upon the general plan of con-

Thos. F. Ryan, New York, N. Y.:

Your speciously worded manifesto of Your speciously worded manifesto of last Tuesday, which you put in the shape of a telegram to me, was read by me for the first time in New York in a morning paper on last Weanesday, and later, I received it by mail from my Richmond office, whither you appear to have sent it the night before at the time you gave it to the press.

This telegram assumes to be a reply to my telegram to you of two weeks previous, but you pags over the most serious charge contained in my telegram of the 12th uit.

our telegram you distort and make In your felegram you distort and make public use of information which I freely gave you concerning our plans and purposes, including our tentative plan of consolidation. I informed you in all our interviews that our plans had not been crystalized, and that they were still open to such modifications or alterations as mixed seem to be whest and best to open to such modifications or alterations as might seem to be wisest and best to our syndicate committees when the plans should be brought up to be finally passed upon. I, therefore, asked you to regard all this information as entirely confidential, and though you promised faithfully to do so, as late as November 9th, at our conference at the Hotel Waldorf, where there were also present Mr. St. John and your attorney, Mr. Page, you have deliberately violated your pledge, and have sent to the press for publication a garbled statement which included items drawn from the statements which I thus gave to you in confidence.

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CHARGE UNTRUE.

You charge that \$13,33,969 of consolidated four per cent, bonds of the new system were to be used "to reimburse our various syndicates for the securities they bought to control the system." You knew this to be untrue, for you knew that of this \$13,342,000 bonds nearly five millions were to be used in the retirement of first mortgage bends, bearing five and six per cent, interest, which had not been bought for the purposes of control, but which we had arranged should be surrendered in exchange for the new fours, dollar for

set forth in any state actual fixed charges of the system would have been by this exchange radically reduced.

The balance of \$13.33.600, or say \$8,835.600, in four per ceut, bonds, were to be issued for the retirement of the entire capital stock of the Forda Central and Peninsular railroad, and the entire capital stock of the Georgia and Alabama railway, amounting to more than thirty million dollars, and the total amount of new stock, which we proposed to issue on account of the Florida Central and Peninsular and the Georgia and Alabama stock added to the total amount of bonds to be issued for these properties aggregate less than the face amount of the old securities which we thus propose to retire, so that the total amount of new securities would be less than the face amount of the old securities now outstanding on these properties, and which we intend to extinguish. The total interest charges on fall bonds with a proposed to issue on all bonds. ertles, and which we intend to extinguish. The total interest charges on all bonds which we proposed to issue for the acquisition of the entire capital stock of the F. C. & P. and the G. & A. railways, amounts to scarcely \$550,000 per annum, or about \$500,000 less than the actual surplus net earnings of these properties after the payment of all their present fixed charges for the past fiscal year, while they were operated as Feparate properties without the benefits which would result from consolidation.

The actual carnings for the last fiscal year of the roads already finished, which

year of the roads already finished, which are to be included in the Greater Seaare to be included in the Greater Sea-board System, were large enough to nay full interest on their present bonded debt, and also on all the new 4 per cent bonds which it is proposed to issue on the consolidated system, and yet leave a surplus of some four or five hun-dred thousand dollars in addition. These figures you had before you at the time you sent me your misleading telegram of December 26th.

You criticise the issuance of 4 per

You criticise the issuance of 4 per-cent, bonds by the system for the pur-pose of acquiring the capital stock of roads which it is deemed desirable to consolidate. The issuance of bonds by a corporation to pay for stock acquired of another corporation, as you well know, is not unusual. The New York Central

another corporation, as you well know, is not unusual. The New York Central railroad recently purchased Lake Shore stock, lesuing two thousand of its own bonds for each one thousand of Jake Shore stock and also bought the stock of the Michigan Central, issuing \$1,150 of its bonds for each \$1,000 of stock, and, in the recent street railway consolidation in Baltimore some \$15,000,000 of new 4 per cent, bonds were put out in exchange for the stocks of the several divisional lines, to the advantage and satvisional lines, to the advantage and sat isfaction of all concerned. The Atlantic Const-Line Company not long ago issued

\$5,000,500 of bonds in retirement of an equal amount of its own stock.

At our interview on November 9th, you At our interview on November 9th, you told me that you had been informed that forty per cent, of the business of the F. C. & P. R. R. came from the Southern Railway. I told you that statement when wholly incorrect. The relationship

previously existing between the Southern Italiway and the F. C. & P. R. R. was severed on the tenth of December last.

Italiway and the F. C. & P. R. R. was severed on the tenth of December last. The earnings of the F. C. & P. for the week ending December 13th, and also for the week ending December 23th, show a very handsome increase over the corresponding weeks last year, when the F. C. & P. was being operated in close accord with the Southern Railway. This is calculated to show the individual strength of the F. C. & P. alone, and when the new line which is being rapidly inished, which will connect the F. C. & P. and the Seaboard, is open for business, still greater results will follow.

You comment upon the amount of new stock of the consolidated company which it is proposed shall be paid to the Richmond benkers for services rendered by them in connection with this consolidation. The allowance made to the Richmond bankers engaged in the consolidation of the greater Seaboard System, for their services, was approved by each and every member of the Syndicate, by whom the compensation was fixed, and is much less than the compensation herefore given in transactions of similar magnitude.

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The proposition which you brazenly made to me in our last conference in my rooms at the Waldorf, and at my office in New York. I regarded as preposterous; such, for example, as your statement that you would not be willing to agree to any consolidation of the rouds comprising the Scaboard System unless a controlling interest in the stock of the new consolidated company should be placed in a voting trust, and that you should be one of the two trustees, and proposing that I be the other. Your other suggestion was equally ridiculous—that I should induce my associates to soil out to you at cost, and that you and I should then together reorganize the system, and issue twenty millions of new block on the Scaboard System alone, without the G. & A. and F. C. & P., and divide up the profits. I indignantly and promptly rejected your overtures of this nature, and told you, then and there, that I did not believe that our views could be recenciled, as our habits and methods of thought, and our ideas of principle were radically and absolutely different.

In my telegram of the 12th I reminded WERE PREPOSTEROUS

you of your statement to me in Octo-ber that if you should not find that you could join in our plan of consolidation, that you would name a price on your

perate and malicious effort to sneak a bill through the Legislature of Georgia which was drafted for the purpose of preventing and defeating the consolida-tion of the Greater Seaboard System:

tion of the Greater Seaboard System; but when its object was discovered it was promptly killed. This attempt was a deliberate and outrageous violation of the promise which you made to me in October.

You claim to own about twenty-five hundred shares of the stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke rallroad. Your attorney, Mr. Groner, informed me a short time ago that this stock cost you between ninety and one hundred dollars per share, and that he had in his possession a statement which showed it. Less than fourteen months ago this stock was selling at \$125 per share. Owing, was selling at \$125 per share. Owing principally, to what has been done by the Scaboard Syndicate and my associ ates, this stock is now worth \$200 per share, and if you are unwilling to join

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HEARING RESUMED IN ROBERT'S CASE

Mr. Schroeder, Head of Gentile Delegation, Opened the Argument Against the Mormon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.-The Robert ions to-day for the purpose of hearing eguments and bringing the inquiry t

n early conclusion. Chairman Tayler, of Ohio, stated that Infirman Tayler, of Onto, state that e statement of a witness absent in Utah at een received, but as Mr. Roberts clined to admit it in as informal, the atter would have to be taken up later. Ser. Schroeder, hend of the Gentile delection here, to oppose Roberts, then used the argument argust Roberts. section here, to oppose Roberts, there opened the argument against Roberts.

"The evidence clearly shows," proceeded Mr. Schroeder, "that since 1889 Mr. Roberts has been in the status of a polygamist and the question is as to the effect of the status."

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He said that while Utah was
there was no doubt as to Roberts
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isk admission on proper credentials, could not the House in self-protection deny him not the House in self-protection deny him admission? Suppose a man affliced with leprosy presented himself, would not the House bave power to keep him out?"

Air. Schroder said that Roberts had admitted his reationship with his plural wives. He had nublicly said he would "be ded if he would give up his wives." This was an offens, against the public morals. The afternoon hearing was enlivened when Senator Rawlins, of Utah, was drawn into a discussion of polygamy. Chairman Taylor asked Mr. Rawlins, who was once a delegate from Utah, if it was not understood at the time the State was admitted that polygamy was at an end.

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"It was my understanding," said Mr.
Rawlins, "that the solemnization of polygamous marriages was interdicted by
the Mormon Church and that this would
have a salutary effect in terminating the
practice, but I did not hold out to Congress that family relations already established would be broken up."

ENDRADIC CASES.

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Mr. Tayler asked if it was expected that the law against polygamy would be

Mr. Tayler asked if it was expected that the law against jolygamy would be violated.

Mr. Rawlins answered that it was thought there might be sporadic cases, but as a general system, polygamous relations would gradually terminate.

"Do you think," continued Mr. Tayler "that Utah would have been admitted if it had been understood that in a few years Utah would send to Congress a man maintaining polygamous relations?"

Mr. Rawlins said he did not think Congress believed the practice of polygamy gress believed the practice of polygamy would be continued. The course of events in recent years had clearly shown that the practice would end in time. Mr. Schroeder concluded his argument, which related mainly to the historical aspect of polygamy and the law in the

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster addressed the com mittee in behalf of a great number of women interested in the case and who were not represented before the commit-

tec.
The committee adjourned until 19:39

MILLIONS ASKED FOR THE JAMES

Chamber of Commerce Adopts Resolutions.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Richmond's Growing Commerce Demands Prompt Action.

AMALGAMATION IS RATIFIED.

Members of Young Men's Business Association Admitted to Membership-Colonel Purcell's Resolution Asks Support of all in the Scaboard's Consolidation Plans.

A called meeting of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, President S. W. Travers in the chair.

The first business in order was the ratification by the Chamber of the previous action of the Board of Directors in adopting the plan for the amalgamation of the Chamber and the Young Men's Business Association as outlined in a report from the special committee repreenting the Chamber and a special comnittee representing the Y. M. B. A. This mittee representing the Y. M. B. A. This plan having been read and explained by Mr. L. Z. Morris, a member of the Chamber's Committee, was approved by the meeting, whereupon in accordance with one of the features of the plan, 24 members of the Y. M. B. A. according to the list furnished by the Secretary of that Association as in good standing, were elected members of the Chamber upon certain terms and conditions set forth in the plan of amaignmation.

IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER.

IMPROVEMENT OF JAMES RIVER. The attention of the Chamber was ther The attention of the Chainder was the called to the very gratifying report of Col. Allen affecting the examination and survey of the James river, and the endorsement thereof by Gen. Wilson, Chief of Engineers and its transmission to Con-

As expressive of the deep sense of the importance of this improvement and the report and recommendation above referred to the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the great and growing importance of the commercial interests of the port of Richmond, Va., and of the State whose commercy is tributary thereto, demand the immediate improvement of James river, so as to give at least 22 feet of water at mean low tide from the head of navigation, Richmond to the sea; and as the authorities of the National Government recognizing the importance of this public work, in 1884, adopted a revised project, providing for that depth of channel, at an estimated cost of \$4,500,600, but because of inadequate appropriations, only 16 1-2 feet depth has been secured to the lower city limits by a Government outlay of \$1,72,390, at which rate of expenditure in the future it would require more than forcy years additional time to complete this govern. As expressive of the deep sense of the would require more than forty year;

it would require more than forty years additional time to complete this government undertaking; and.

Whereas, since 1886, the City of Richmond has appropriated from its own treasury, for this work, the sum of \$544,667.84, and this expenditure has, in the language of General William P. Craighill, late of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., "always been spent in accordance with the views of the engineers of the United States charged with the improvements. the views of the engineers of the United States charged with the improvements, and everything that could reasonably be expected has been dene by the authorities of the city to make the joint operations successful and economical," which affords the strongest proof of the community's faith and interest in the undertaking; and, Whereas, the construction of the con-

Whereas, the construction of the ship Texas, and the satisfactory results already attained in building the torpedo-bouts and destroyers, under contracts re-cently awarded the W. R. Trigg Co. cently awarded the W. R. Trigg Co., which together with exceptional advantages possessed by this port for shipbuilding, pointed out by eminent engineers, demonstrates the presence here of capacity and skill to meet the demand of the government along these lines; and, the conditions here are likewise all most favorable for the construction of a fresh water basin for the agroupondiction of favorable for the construction of a fresh water basin for the accommodation of naval vessels—no such basin having as yet been provided in this country, though the urgent necessity therefor is well recognized; and finally as there is no port on the Atlantic coast so impregnable from assault by the warships of a hostle power, and none, therefore, more favorably located for the building of naval vessels and the manufacture of munitions of war. In view of all these facts it is respectfully, but earnestly submitted that considerations of sound public policy, as well as the growing demands of the commerce tributary to this port, render it imperative now that annual appropriaimperative now that annual appropria-tions should be made by the National government, in such sums as will provide for the completion of this improvement as indicated, in the most expeditions manner possible, it having been duly ratlfied and undertaken by the goverment; therefore, be it

therefore, be it Resolved, by the Chamber of Commerce, that the National Congress and the River and Harber Committee, and the Appro-priations Committee be most earnestly and respectfully requested to favidably consider the report and recommendations of Coff Chas. J. Allen, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., as endorsed by General John M. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, U. S. A. touching the expenditure for the improve-ment of James river.

THE SEABOARD AIR LINE. Col. John B. Purcell offered the follow-ing preamble and resolution relating to the Semboard Air Line system. The people of Richmond, Virginia, have

watched most eagerly the work that has peen going on for the completion and consolutation of the Great Seasoard Afr

consonation of the Great Seaboard Air Line system, after the plan set forth by President John Skelton Williams. As this wil give Richmond a centre of Northern and Wes ern traffic, a carrect line to Tampa, Florida, the door to the West Indies and South America, and also through Atlanta, Columbus and Mont-gemery another outlet to the Middle, South and Southwest between its termini exchanging valuable commodities with the most productive and richest districts of this country; passing through the most active, prosperous and important manufacricts of the South, its branches communicating readily with the seaports of the Atlantic Coast and drawing the wealth of outlying districts, giving and taking a large business to, from and through on the train.

Richmond, we must regard its chances of success as assured beyond question and its proimse of advantage to Richmond. Va., and the whole South as incalculable.

RICHMOND VA., FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1900.

Va., and the whole South as incalculable. While other Southern systems have done a great deal for the development of the South, they have derived from it immenso profits and it is neither wise, just nor to be expected that they should desire to monopolize our resources or hold us within their control. Our best interests call for enlarged facilities and competition. We cannot be overlaid or held without being commercially dwarfed, restricted and enslaved. Our prosperity, expansion and happiness, require the largest competition of responsible parties. For these considerations we regard the Scaboard Air Line as a great highway opening an inestimable promise. Therefore, an inestimable promise. Therefore

Resolved by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, That in behalf of our city and State and the whole South, we contemplate with profound satisfaction the early completion and consolidation of the Seaboard Air Line system, and that we regard as intimical to our best interests every effort that has been or may be made by individuals or combinations to delay, hinder or defeat the consolidation of the great Seaboard Air Line system; that it is the duty of every good citizen and public journal to help as far as possible, the accomplishment of this consolidation—a consummation so devoutly to be wished.

COLONEL PURCELL'S VIEWS.
Colonel Purcell in submitting the resolution said that he had no intention or desire to prejudice the rights of any one having a grievance, but that believing the organization of this great system would be more benedical to the community of Hichmond than anything which had taken place during the last twenty years, in the language of the resolution, he was opposed to any effort to delay, hinder or defeat the consolidation and regarded any such effort as inimical to the best interests of Richmond. He went on to describe the great advantages which would result from the successful organization of the Seaboard Air Line, both in the matter of freight and passenger business, and saying that it was to be presumed that the parties connected with this movement were seeing within their legal rights, he thought the Chamber should put itsel thought the Chamber should put used upon record as in hearty sympathy with so great an undertaking led by one of our own fellow-citizens and that as a recition only stated facts, he hoped it would be the pleasure of the meeting to adopt it. The resolution was seconded by Mr. L. Z. Morris, first vice-president of the Chamber.

L. Z. Morris, first vice-president of the Chamber. INLAND TRADE.

Messrs. S. M. Woodward, W. C. Bentley and Hon. A. L. Holiaday, while heartily in sympathy with the undertaking, were in favor of referring the resolution to the Inland Trade Committee of the Chamber on account of the importance of the matter and the strong language of the resolution, and an amendment to this effect was offered by Mr. S. M. Woodward, but urgently opposed by Mr. Horace S. Hawes, Judge George L. Christian, Mr. Jackson Guy, Mr. H. J. Herrick and others, who were of the opinion that Richmond was vitally interested in the successful organization of the system and its entrance to the city over the Richmond, Petersburg and Caroline railroad and that the resolution should be at once adopted. Mr. W. C. Eentley in view of the carnest resolution should be at once adopted, Mr. W. C. Esntley in view of the carnest arguments in favor of immediate action, withdrew his support to the amendment and the amendment tenty put to the vote was lost. The vote then being taken upon the resolution it was unanimously adopted.

Messrs, Priddy Bros. E. Harvie Spence and Ford's New Hotel, proposed by Col. John Murphy, were duly elected members of the Chamber. The meeting then ad-

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YOUNG COUPLE ELOPE.

On Their Return They Were Forgiven and a Wedding Feast Spread,

and a Wedding Fensi Spread,
SUFFOLIK, VA., Jan. 4.—Special.—Miss
Myrtle Arthur Matthews and Charles
Blaine Spangler eloped to Corapeake, N.
C., to-day where they were murried by
Justice Pierce. They were too young to
get a license in Virginia. The bridal
party returned to-night, when the girl's
mother forgave all and prepared a wedding feast.
The bride is a graduate of Nansemond

The bride is a graduate of Nansemond Seminary, class '28 and is especially talented in music. She is the leading violin player in the Christian church orchestra of eight pieces. Spangler is a telephone inspector. He came to Suffolk a year ago from Waynesboro, Pa.

Arraigned in Police Court.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The woman who appeared in the court of Commissioner Saields, in the Federal Building yesterday, claimed to be the wife of John D. Gaynor, had Mr. Gaynor arraigned in the Police Court to-day on the charge of

Gaynor was released in \$1,000 ball. He

SOUTHERN ROAD BEATS THE RECORD

Ran a Special From Salisbury, N. C., to Atlanta, a Distance of 313 Miles, in 279 Minutes.

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 4 .- A most remarkable long distance run was made on the Southern railway to-day by a

on the Southern ratiway to-day by a special arranged for on short notice. The trip was made from Salisbury, N. C., to Atlanta and the solitary passenger who occupied the single car was G. H. Penniman, of 1979 Fifth avenue, New York Mr. Penniman was a passenger on the Southern's southwestern limited from New York. At Salisbury he strolled through the train and by mistake sat down in the Jacksonville sleeper, which was detached at the North Carolina city. He did not discover his mistake until sometime after the limited had

left, but quickly communicating we President Spencer, arranged for RIGHT OF WAY The Limited was one hour and thirty-seven minutes behind time when it left Sn isbury. The railway officials ordered everything laid up and gave Mr. Penni m n's train he right of way in its e deav or to catch his regular train. The Limited rolled into Atlanta twenty minutes late

after a remarkably rapid run, and was to lowed just ten minues later by the special, which left Salisbury two hours after the Limited.

The 313 miles between Salisbury are the Salisbury and both Mark Verker. Atlar ta were covered by the New Yorker's special in two hundred and seventy-nimminutes, including stops. The fastest hour's continuous run was seventy miles made between Salisbury and Greenville. hour's continuous run was seventy make made between Sallsbury and Greenville, S. C., and the train did not at any time make a speed less than at the rate of sixty-three miles an hour. Mr. Penniman said his anxiety to catch

the Limited was caused by an engagement to meet his daughter in the City of Mexico

ELECTION OF DR. A. NASH JOHNSON

To Succeed Late Senator Chas. E. McCorkle

BY ACCLAMATION VOTE

Credentials Committee Divided on Delegates.

CONVENTION SEATED THEM ALL

Dr. Johnson Addressed the Convention He is Six Feet Six Inches High and Weighs Three Hundred Pounds - The Organization of Convention,

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Jan. 4.-Special.-The Democratic convention for the Seventh Senatorial District was called to order at 8:30 P. M. to-day by W. F Tinsley, chairman of Alleghany county Robert G. Paxton, of Glasgow, was elect ed temporary secretary. The committee on credentials, resolutions and permanen

organization were appointed.

COMMITTEE DIVIDED. The Committee on Credentials was divided on the question of seating the delegate from Buena Vista and five delegates from Rockbridge county, owing to defects in credentials, but the convention voted

in credentials, but the convention voted to, seat them.

W. R. Ailen, of Botetourt county, was elected permanent chairman, and G. W. Warren permanent secretary.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

The only resolutions adopted paid a tribute of respect to the late Senator McCorkle, and extended sympathy to his mother and his family.

Robert Catlett, Commonwealth's attorney of Rockbridge county, nominated Dr. A. Nash Johnson, and he was elected by acclamation.

acclamation.

THE SENATOR-ELECT.
Dr. Johnson appeared before the convention, and in a few words thanked it for the honor conferred upon him.
The nominee is a Tative of Edetourt county, but has resided at Natural Bridge. Rockbridge county, for the past twelve

He is a practicing physician, and has never held an elective office. He is forty-eight ygars of age, and stands six feet six inches in his stockings, and weighs three hundred pounds.

DEMOCRATS WERE LUCKY Drawing Gives Them 10 Out of 11

Members of Contest Committee. FRANKFORT, KY., Jan. 4—The joint legislative committees, which will sit in the contests for Governor and Lieutenantlegislative committees, which will sit in the contests for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, were drawn by lot to-day, as provided by law. The Democrats were lucky, as the drawing gave them ten out of the eleven members of the committee on the Governor's contest, and nine out of eleven on the Lieutenant-Governor's contest.

The committee to hear the Governorship contest is as follows: Senators Frazier, Allen and Crenshaw, and Representatives Hickman, Berry, Finn, Rennick, Sledge, Lyon and Barton, all Democrats, and Yarberry, Republican.

In the Lieutenant-Governor's contest the mames drawn were Senators Harrell, Coleman and Watson, and Representatives Crawford, Alexander, Bell, Holland and Sharp, Democrats, and Representatives Roed and Lelle, Republicans.

The House representatives of these two committees were sworn in to-night, and

committees were sworn in to-night, and It is probable that the joint committees

will organize and begin taking evidence In the drawing over the formation of the legislative contested election commitsensional contests, the Republicans got only one member out of nine on each committee, but in the House they got majorities on ten out of the eighteen com-

SYMPATHY FOR BOERS.

Mr. Quarles, of Virginia, Introduced: House Resolution.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representative

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Representative Quaries, of Virginia, has introduced the following House resolution:
"Resolved. That we hereby extend to our two sister Republics in Africa, the Transvanl and the Orange Free State, our deepest sympathy in the noble, brave and patriotic struggic they are now making to preserve their governments from ing to preserve their governments from destruction by the hands of monarchy."

THANKS TO CONGRESS.

Resolution Tendering Them to Schley Sampson, Their Officers and Men. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Representativ Bingham, of Pennsylvania, to-day intro luced the following joint resolution:
"Resolved, etc., That the thanks of Co gress are hereby tendered to Rear-Ad-miral William T. Sampson and Commodore Winfield Scott Sensey the officers and men under them for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at

ARMY PROMOTIONS.

The Senate Confirms President's Nomi inations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Senate to-day confirmed the nominations of Lloyd Wheaton and J. C. Bates to be major-generals of volunteers, Colonel S. M. B. Young, Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Mac-Arthur and Lieutenant-Colonel William Ludlow to be brigadier-generals.

WASHINGTON. Jan. 4.—Secretary Long to-day gave a hearing to Admira MeNair, superintendent of the Nava Academy, and to Hepresentative Lati-mer, of South Carolina, upon a controversy that occurred at the Naval Academy yesterday in connection with the resignaion of J. D. Maxwell, of Anderson, S. C. the representative's protege. As a re-suit of the hearing, Admiral McNair was requested to submit a formal report or the case. Meanwhile the resignation is regarded as pending, but not accepted.

Pension for Brumby's Mother. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Among the bills introduced in the Senate to-day, was one by Mr. Clay, of Georgia, granting a

pension of \$50 per month to Annie E. Brumby, mother of Admiral Dewey's Flag Lieutenant.

House and Senate Meetings.

There was a meeting of the House Committee on General Laws Lat night, for the purpose of considering the bill which gives to telegraph companies the right to enter upon the rights of way of railroad companies and creet and maintain lines thereon. At a meeting of the Committee yesterday morning Col. J. R. McIntosh, of this city, southern counsel for the Postal Telegraph Company, made a lengthy argument in favor of the bill, and last night Maj. E. T. D. Myers, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae: Mr. Alexander Mamilton, president of the Atlantic Coast Line of and Potomac; Mr. Alexander Mamilton, president of the Atlantic Coast Line of Virginia, and Mr. W. A. Glasgow, counsel for the Norfolk and Western, made lengthy arguments opposing the bill. It will be finally considered by the Committee this mornns.

There was a joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Fish and Game and the State Board of Fisher'es in the Senate Chamber last night, for the purpose of

State Board of Fisher's in the Surpose of considering amendments to the State ovster laws. A sub-committee was appointed to draft a bill embodying amendments believed to be needed.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

-Democratic municipal ticket was elect-ed in Memphis by an overwhelming majority.
--Army under Otis' command now ag-

gregates 62,500.

—A battle has occurred at Wang Chaun, China, between natives and French troops, in which the latter lost thirty

Thirteen villages in Achalkalak have experienced earthquake shocks and 800 podies have been already recovered. Steamer Rio Marie wrecked off Cape

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Governor Russell has sent troops to Lumberton. N. C., to prevent the lynching of Reuben Ross, whose execution for criminal assault he has post-

poned.

-Epidemic of smallpox has appeared in Chatham county, N. C.

-Bud Harris, colored, was hanged in Macon, Ga., yesterday, for the murder of another negro.

-Senate Committee on Foreign Relations ordered a favorable report on bill creating a government for Hawaii.

-Meeting held in Brussels for the purpose of making an appeal to President McKinley to mediate for peace between England and the Transvaal.

SULLIVAN UHUSEN

Democrats of Mississippi Choose Him

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 1.—The joint Democratic caucus of the Mississippi Legislature to-night nominated Hon. W. V. Sullivan as United States Senator to fill the short term of one year. The scenes attending the caucus were very

FRANKFORT, KY., Jan. 4.-It is unofficially announced that the Franklin
county grand jury has found indictments
against Colonel John H. Whaken and
Charles Ryan, who, it is alleged attemptedute bribe Senator Harrell in the Goveritorship contest.

DORDRECHT HAS BEEN EVACUATED

General Gatacre Has Sent Reinforcements of Mounted Infantry and Artillery to Molteno.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The War Office has received a report from Cape Town dated Wednesday, January 3, rejorting the situation in General Gatacre's district. It

"Jordecht is now evacuated by Montmorency, who occupies Birds Siding on
the indive Line.

"Molten is being attacked to-day by
the enemy, who, more or less, surround
the police station, but wno, according to
reports, are being forced back. Reinforcements of mounted infantry and field
artillery have been sent by General
Gatacre. The result is not known.

"A company of mounted infantry under
Alderson has reconnoitered to Prieska
and exchanged shots with the rebel
forces on the north bank.

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French is reported."
FRERE CAMP, Jan. 4.-A vigorous shelling of the Boers' trenches on the Diain this morning forced the Burghers to shift their position after their horses had stamneded.

RETIRED HURRIEDLY. STERKSTROOM, Jan. 4.—General Gat-acre to-day met the invading force at Cyphergat, near the British advance camp at Bushmanshoek. The Boers re-tired hurriedly shortly after the British artillery opened fire. The enemy oc-cupied Molteno and Cyphergat to-day, but the latter place is now re-occupied by

Further details of the fighting between General Gatacre and the Boars at Cy-phergat to-day show that 3,000 Boers, with artillery, attacked a British outpost between Cyphergat and Molteno. Genera Gatacre, with mounted troops and field artillery, moved out in front of Sterk-stroom and found the Boers strongly stroom and found the Boers strongly posted at Coperberg, whence they were quickly dislodged, the Boers sleeing in the direction of Stormberg.

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The Boers used the British guns cap-tured December 10th and shot well, but the British kept under cover and there were no casualties on their side. BOER CAMP. COLDNSO, Tuesday, Jan 2.—The British naval guns at Chieve-ley Camp continue their ineffective long range fire night and day, to divert Boer attention from the movements of the troops.

troops.
Federal scouts yesterday penetrated into the British camp. When returning, the British pickets discovered them and ounded one Boor.

wounded one Bost.
General Lucas Myer resumes command
of the division he c.
General Joubert denies that he has
ever protested against the use of lyddite.
I e avers that up to the present he has
nit lost a single man by lyddite.
LONDON, Jan. 4.—An army order has
been Issued directing the embodiment of
sixteen additional battalions of mil.tia.
STEAMER SEARCHED.
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The Imperal mail
stamer Genera has been detained at
Aden and occupied by British troops
with the object of searching her cargo,
which is to be discharged. The Genrul
is owned by the German East Afr.can

which is to be discharged. The Genru is owned by the German East Afrean line, the owners of the Bundesrath, previously captured by the British cruiser Magicenne, of Delagon Bay.

RENSHERG, Jan. 4.—The casualties to General French's force up to the afternoon of January 33 were the men killed east thenty-four wounded. Coleskop is now the principal scene of

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NEW DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Designed to Protect Commercial Interests.

PRESIDENT FAVORS IT

Travelers Protective Association Working for Its Creation.

BUSINESS MEN JOIN HANDS.

Col. John S. Hardwood, Chairman of National Legislative Committee, T. P. A., Feel Confident That the Department Will be Established-Senator McComas is Patron of the Bill.

Colonel John S. Harwood, national chairman of the Legislation Committee of the Travellers' Protective Associaof the Travellers' Frotective Associa-tion of America, said last night that he had good reasons to believe that the movement started by his committee looking toward the creation of an addi-tional member of the Cabinet to be known as the Secretary of Commerce, would result in definite action on the pare of Congress at an early date.

"There is just as much reason why the commercial interests of the country should be looked after by the govern-ment as should the farming interests," said Colonel Harwood.

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"The committee of which I have the honor of being chairman, has for several years been working on this matter. We have secured the co-operation of a number of Congressmen in both branches, and we have been assured of the sympathy of President McKinley in the movement.

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SOUND BUSINESS MAN.

"The commercial industries of the country should have recognition. We do not care to make of this new branch of the government a political one, but politics must m the nature of things, figure in it to some extent. The man at the head of it must be a sound business man, conversant with the needs of the business people.

"There are many interests now under the direction of other departments that should be concentrated into one department, with a practical business man at the head of it.

"Tor instance, there is the Burgau of Navigation in the Treasury Department, the Fish Commission, the Bureau of American Republics of the Department of State, the improvement of river and harbors of the War Department, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the hydrographic division of the Navy Department and other interests that might come under the direction of the Department of Commerce.

"The appointment of consuls should

ment of Commerce.
"The appointment of consuls should also come under such a department. The osition of consul is mainly commercial and business men, not politicians, should

with Do Much Good.

"The new department, which I am quite confident will be established, will do much for the good of American business interests."

Senator McComas, of Maryland, a leading Republican, whose influence is considerable, has charge of a measure looking to the creation of the office of Secretary of Commerce, which he will introduce in the Senate at an early day. The bill will in all probability become a law.

Senators Daniel and Martin favor

bill, and will vote for its passage.

The T. P. A.'s are working hard for
the measure. They number in the organization many thousands, and their ganization many thousands, and their influence is for reaching.

The members of this organization are not the only ones favorable to the gatablishment of a Department of Commerce. All the business men in the country, practically, favor it.

Colonel Harwood has recently returned from Washington, and he is quite jubilant over the progress made in the matter.

Deroulede Bau'sbed, PARIS, Jan. 4.—When the High Court opened its public session to-day the presi-dent of that body, M. Failleres, real the decisions which had been reached yes-

High Court condemned M. Buffett The High Court concenned M. Buffett and Deroulede to ten years' banishment. M. Guerin was sentenced to ten years' confinement in o fortified place.

Marquis De Lur Saluces was sentenced to ten years' banishment.

Miss West is Sinking. It is reported that Miss Ivy West is sinking very fast at her home in Hanover. It is thought that she cannot live much

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Local. -Arrest of an alleged forged wanted in many places.

-Colonel John S. Harwood advocates
the establishment of a Department of

-Meeting of the City Council. -Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. B. A.

—Interesting meeting of the Common Council.

-A man charged with being a fugitive from justice from many places arrested

here.

-Mrs. Yager believed to have joined the Salvation Army in New York.

-A fire on Marshall street.

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State.

The Old Dominion steamer Albemaric ashole in James r ver.

-renley Cromwell nominated to succeed Delegate Newberne, of Norfolk county, who recently died.

E. E. Bush struck by a train at Clifton Forge and severey hurt.

-Miss Haite Suber burned to death by a coal-off lamp at Clifton Forge.

-Young men go to the grand jury for white-capping a negro in Campbel countr. white-capping a negro in Campbee countr.

—John Seigler, of Newport News, arrested charged with assault.

—Newport News police justice has wholesale vince mation in his court.

—Proposition to purchase the Petersburg Warer Works.

—Dr. A. Nash Johnston elected senator by acclamation in the convention at Clifton Forge.

by acclamation ton Forge. General,

Senate takes up the financ'al bill.

The Sulrar resulution passes the House with some amendments.

Hearing resumed in Roberts case.

Special train on Southern makes a record-breaking run. Foreign.

-General Gatacre sends reinforcements to Melteno. to Motteno.

—Pilcher's occupation of Douglass was offly temporary.

—British reize another steamer in Defa. goa bay.

Forecast for Friday and Saturday: Virginia—increasing cloudiness Friday; threatening Saturday; light southeasterly winds increasing. North and South Carolina—increasing cloudiness Friday; threatening Saturday; light east to northeast winds.

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